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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 24, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of this response and reconsideration of the above-identified application.

Claims 1-23, 26, 27 and 29-36 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 10, 26, 30 and 34 are independent claims. No claims are amended, added or cancelled by this amendment. Applicants note with appreciation that claims 1-23, 26, 27 and 29 are allowed.

**1. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

The Office Action rejects claims 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Friesen (U.S. Patent No. 6,194,663) in view of Reede (U.S. Patent No. 6,255,593) and